

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in response to the Office Action of December 11, 2008. Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12-23, 25, 28-29, 33-39, 41, 42, 45-56, 58-60 and 62-67 were pending in the application prior to the outstanding Office Action.

The present Response amends claims 1, 18, 34, and 51; and add claims 69-70, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12-23, 25, 28-29, 33-39, 41, 42, 45-56, 58-60, 62-67 and 69-71. Applicant hereby respectfully reserves the right to continue prosecuting the canceled claims if necessary. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

A. Claim Rejections – 35 USC §101

Claims 1-33 were rejected under 35 USC 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims comply with the statutory requirement under 35 USC 101.

B. Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 13-19, 24, 29-34, 35, 42, 46-52, 59, 60 and 63- 68 were rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Anuff (US 2002/0029296A1) in view of Samid (US 2002/0135617 A1).

Claims 3-5, 11, 20-22, 27, 36-38, 44, 53-55 were rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Anuff in view of Samid and further in view of Sollenberger (US 2002/0152279A1).

Claims 6, 8, 12, 23, 25, 28, 39, 41, 45, 56, 58 and 62 were rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Anuff in view of Samid and further in view of Parker (The Complete Idiots Guide to Microsoft FrontPage 2000).

Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to include a feature of *"wherein the VCR is a hierarchical representation of a plurality of individual content repositories such that the plurality of individual content repositories appear and behave as a single content repository."* The definition of the VCR is supported by a related Patent application: CONTENT MINING FOR VIRTUAL CONTENT REPOSITORIES, U.S. Application No. 10/772,625, Inventors: Gregory Smith, et al.,

filed on February 5, 2004, which was incorporated by reference in Paragraph [0050] of the present application.

Applicant respectfully submits that there is no indication in cited prior art of one or more content caches that are used to buffer search results and recently accessed content repositories.

Therefore, Claim 1 should be in allowable condition.

Claims 18, 34, and 51

Claims 18, 34, and 51, while independently patentable, recite limitations that, similarly to those described above with respect to claim 1, are not taught, suggested nor otherwise rendered obvious by the cited references. Reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-9, 12-17, 19-23, 25, 28-29, 33, 35-39, 41, 42, 45-50, and 52-67

Claims 2-9, 12-17, 19-23, 25, 28-29, 33, 35-39, 41, 42, 45-50, and 52-67 are not addressed separately, but it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable as depending from an allowable independent claim, and further in view of the comments provided above.

It is also submitted that these claims also add their own limitations which render them patentable in their own right. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to argue these limitations should it become necessary in the future.

Claim 69

Claim 69 depends on allowable Claim 1. In addition Claim 69 states a feature of "*each content repository in the VCR is a searchable data store and provides content life cycle management.*" The definition of the VCR is supported by a related Patent application: CONTENT MINING FOR VIRTUAL CONTENT REPOSITORIES, U.S. Application No. 10/772,625, Inventors: Gregory Smith, et al., filed on February 5, 2004, which was incorporated by reference in Paragraph [0050] of the present application.

Applicant respectfully submits that there is no indication in cited prior art of this additional feature. Therefore, Claim 69 should be in allowable condition.

Claim 70

Claim 70 depends on allowable Claim 1. In addition Claim 70 states a feature of *"the content management user interface is associated with a content model that represents a combined content of all repositories as a hierarchical namespace of nodes and each content repository implements content management operations on the content model differently for the particular content repository."* The definition of the VCR is supported by a related Patent application: CONTENT MINING FOR VIRTUAL CONTENT REPOSITORIES, U.S. Application No. 10/772,625, Inventors: Gregory Smith, et al., filed on February 5, 2004, which was incorporated by reference in Paragraph [0050] of the present application.

Applicant respectfully submits that there is no indication in cited prior art of this additional feature. Therefore, Claim 70 should be in allowable condition.

Claim 71

Claim 71 depends on allowable Claim 1. In addition Claim 71 states a feature of *"the VCR is a hierarchical representation of a plurality of individual content repositories such that the plurality of individual content repositories appear and behave as a single content repository."* The definition of the VCR is supported by a related Patent application: CONTENT MINING FOR VIRTUAL CONTENT REPOSITORIES, U.S. Application No. 10/772,625, Inventors: Gregory Smith, et al., filed on February 5, 2004, which was incorporated by reference in Paragraph [0050] of the present application.

Applicant respectfully submits that there is no indication in cited prior art of this additional feature. Therefore, Claim 71 should be in allowable condition.

C. Conclusion

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

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